The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A transport apparatus comprising:

a trough in which an article to be conveyed is adapted to be placed, the trough including one of a first protruding part and a depressed part; and

a reciprocating movement mechanism having a motor and a first support member, the motor being configured to ~~for~~ reciprocatingly move ~~moving~~ the trough via the first support member along [[in]] a conveyance direction of the article, ~~and performing the reciprocating movement~~ such that ~~rearward~~ a movement of the trough in a direction opposite the conveyance direction is faster than ~~forward~~ a movement in the conveyance direction, the first support member including the other of the first protruding part and the depressed part, ~~; and~~

~~a protruding part which protrudes from the trough;~~

~~the reciprocating movement mechanism including a support member with a depressed part that supports the protruding part, and~~

the first protruding part being removably connected to the depressed part.

2. (Currently Amended) The transport apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein

the first support member has ~~the support member is configured such that~~ the depressed part that faces vertically upward.

3. (Currently Amended) The transport apparatus according to Claim 9 [[1]], wherein ~~comprising~~:

at least one of the first and second ~~a plurality of~~ support members~~, at least one support member~~ has ~~among the plurality of support members being configured such that~~ the depressed part that faces horizontally.

4. (Currently Amended) The transport apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein

the second support member has ~~having~~ the depressed part facing horizontally, and is ~~a support member~~ located at a position shifted in the direction opposite ~~rearward in~~ the conveyance direction ~~of the article~~ relative to the first support member, and

~~an opening side of~~ the depressed part of the second support member faces ~~is configured so as to face in~~ the conveyance direction ~~of the article~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The transport apparatus according to ~~any one of~~ Claim 1 ~~through Claim 4~~, wherein

the first protruding part ~~support member~~ is provided on an underside surface ~~both lateral sides~~ of the trough.

6. (Currently Amended) The transport apparatus according to ~~any one of~~ Claim 2 ~~1~~ ~~through Claim 4~~, wherein

the first and second protruding parts are ~~support member is~~ provided on only one lateral side of the trough.

7. (Currently Amended) The transport apparatus according to ~~any one of~~ Claim 2 ~~1~~ ~~through Claim 6~~, wherein

a conveyance direction center of the first and second support members is shifted in the direction opposite the conveyance direction relative to a conveyance direction center of the trough. ~~member supports the trough at a position toward the back of the trough.~~

8. (Currently Amended) A combination weighing apparatus, comprising:

the transport apparatus according to ~~any one of~~ Claim 1 ~~through Claim 7~~;

a weighing unit configured to weigh material fed by the transport apparatus;

a stock unit configured to store the material weighed by the weighing unit;

a control unit operatively coupled to the weighing unit and the stock unit to conduct combination weighing and select material to be discharged; and

a discharge unit configured to discharge the material selected by the control unit.

9. (New) The transport apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein

the trough has a second protruding part, and

the reciprocating movement mechanism has a second support member that has a depressed part, the second protruding part being removably connected to the depressed part of the second support member.

10. (New) The transport apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein

at least one of the first and second support members has the depressed part that faces vertically.

11. (New) The transport apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein

both of the first and second support members have the depressed part that faces horizontally.

12. (New) The transport apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein

the depressed part of the first support member faces horizontally in the direction opposite the conveyance direction.

13. (New) The transport apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein

both of the first and second support members have the depressed part that faces vertically.

14. (New) The transport apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein

both of the first and second protruding parts are provided on an underside surface of the trough.

15. (New) The transport apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein

the depressed part and the first protruding part are corresponding in size.